



2021 Larissa earthquake

On March 3, 2021, 12:16:09 (UTC +2) the **2021 Larissa earthquake** had a magnitude of 6.3 M_w with an intensity of VIII (*Severe*) on the Mercalli Scale 9 kilometers west of Týmavos, Greece.^[2] One person was confirmed dead with eleven other people injured.^[3] Light shaking was also felt as far as Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo and Montenegro.^[4]

Earthquake

The earthquake was recorded as a magnitude 6.3 earthquake by the United States Geological Survey, while the Institute of Geodynamics in Athens recorded it as a magnitude 6.0 earthquake.^[6]

Seismological events are quite common in Greece. In 2020 a 7.0 earthquake rattled the Aegean Sea killing at least 119 people (Two in Greece). In 1999 an earthquake occurred near the capital Athens, killing more than 100 people.

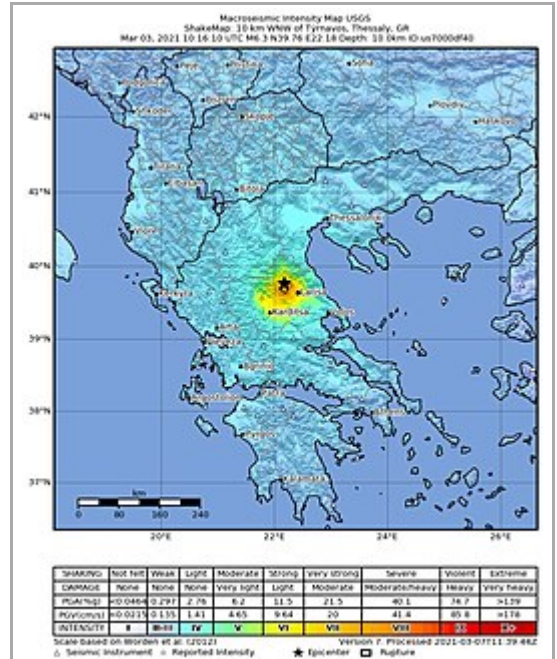
Aftershocks

There were numerous aftershocks following the mainshock, the strongest of which was a magnitude 5.8 that occurred 11 km East of Verdikoussa that further worsened already severely damaged houses and other infrastructure.^{[7][8]}

Casualties

There were numerous reports of damage mostly along Central Greece including old churches and infrastructure, several buildings and houses, one of them was a primary school built in 1938 as well as 63 students that were attending classes in the village of Damasi. There were also power interruptions in the City of Volos and the entire Magnesia Prefecture and travel disruptions between numerous towns due to landslides.^{[9][10]}

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UTC time	2021-03-03 10:16:09
ISC event	619907234 (http://www.isc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/FormatBibprint.pl?evid=619907234)
USGS-ANSS	ComCat (https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us7000df40/execute)
Local date	March 3, 2021
Local time	12:16:09 EET
Magnitude	6.3 M_w
Depth	8.0 km (5.0 mi)

The body of an elderly man was found under the rubble of his own home by rescue teams, and eleven other people sustained injuries.^[3]

Epicenter	<u>39.675°N 22.876°E</u>
Areas affected	<u>Greece, Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia</u>
Max. intensity	MMI VIII (Severe)
Landslides	Yes
Aftershocks	5.8 <i>M_w</i> ^[1]
Casualties	1 dead, 11 injured ^[2]

See also

- List of earthquakes in 2021
- List of earthquakes in Greece
- 2020 Aegean Sea earthquake
- 1999 Athens earthquake
- 2021 Crete earthquake
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MMI	Locations	Population exposure
MMI VIII (Severe)	<u>Mesochori</u>	1,000
MMI VII (Very strong)	<u>Larissa</u>	124,000
MMI VI (Strong)	<u>Trikala</u>	142,000
MMI V (Moderate)	<u>Karditsa</u>	175,000
MMI IV (Light)	<u>Patras</u>	1.08 million

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